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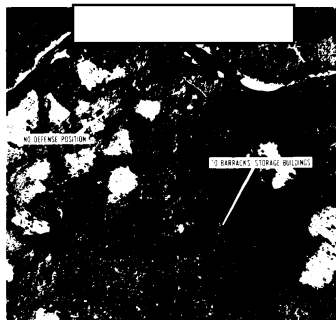
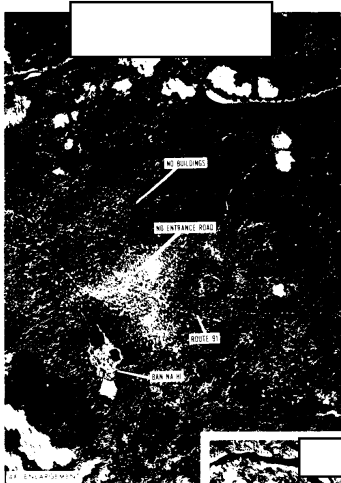
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1. [REDACTED] FIRST REVEALED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A ROAD NETWORK INTO AN AREA LOCATED 0.5 NM NORTHEAST OF BAN NA HI ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 91 AND 3.9 NM NORTHWEST OF TCHEPONE AIRFIELD. SIGNS OF WHEELED TRACK ACTIVITY WITHIN THE AREA WERE EVIDENT; HOWEVER, NO BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED THROUGH THE PARTIALLY-DEFOLIATED TREE COVER. [REDACTED] HAD REVEALED NO ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA.

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2. (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) POOR QUALITY PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED] REVEALED NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE COVERAGE OF 1 MARCH.

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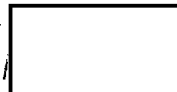
3. [REDACTED] REVEALED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE TRACK ACTIVITY AT ENTRANCE TO THE AREA AND ON ROUTE 91 TO THE SOUTH. AT LEAST TEN DISPERSED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS WERE OBSERVED THROUGH A HEAVY TREE CANOPY.

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4. LUCKY DRAGON [REDACTED] REVEALED A FURTHER INCREASE IN TRACK ACTIVITY. AT LEAST 21 DISPERSED, ROAD-SERVED BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS SERVED BY A MOTORABLE ROAD WERE OBSERVED THROUGH A PARTIALLY-DEFOLIATED TREE CANOPY.

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DEFENSES INCLUDED TWO AW POSITIONS, TWO PERSONNEL POSITIONS, AND A DEFENSE POSITION AT NORTHEAST EDGE OF AREA CONTAINING A TRENCH SYSTEM.

5. SUBSEQUENT LUCKY DRAGON COVERAGE OF THE AREA DURING MAY-OCTOBER 1964 REVEALED HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY AT AREA'S ENTRANCE AND ON ROUTE 91. HEAVY TREE CANOPY PRECLUDED FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

6. [REDACTED] REVEALED HEAVY TRACK ACTIVITY AT AREA'S ENTRANCE AND AT LEAST SEVEN BARRACKS/STORAGE BUILDINGS DISPERSED ALONG A TRAFFICABLE ROAD LINKING THE AREA WITH ROUTE 91. FURTHER INTERPRETATION WAS PRECLUDED BY INCOMPLETE COVERAGE AND HEAVY TREE CANOPY.

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